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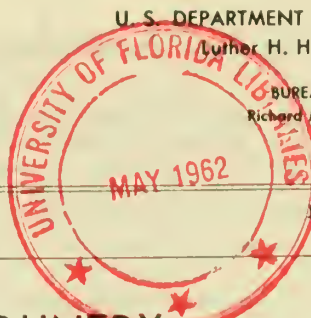
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IMPORT TRADE BY COUNTRY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the increase in United States general imports, unadjusted for seasonal change, from \$1,214.5 million in February¹ to \$1,385.9 million in March² reflected higher levels of imports from all areas as follows: Canada, from \$241.7 to \$292.4 million; Latin American Republics, from \$279.6 to \$315.4 million; Western Europe, from \$362.3 to \$390.9 million; and "all other countries," from \$331.0 to \$387.2 million.

From February to March, increases were reported in imports from sterling area countries, from \$209.0 to \$255.6 million and from O.E.C.D. countries in Europe, from \$350.6 to \$381.6 million. Increases were reported in imports from all continents except Africa.

The increase in imports from North America from \$371.1 to \$430.2 million was primarily due to the increase in imports from Canada, as noted above, and to a less noticeable increase in imports from the Dominican Republic,

¹The February statistics exclude about \$9.7 million of \$1-\$99 formal and \$1-\$250 informal entry shipments. Data on these shipments are also excluded from the individual area, continent, and country totals shown in this report and from the data in other reports such as FT 930-I, FT 110, FT 120, IM 145 etc.

²On a seasonally-adjusted basis, total general imports were valued at \$1,336.1 million in March as compared to \$1,314.1 million in February. (See the March 1962 issue of Report No. FT 900-I.) Seasonally-adjusted data are not available by country of origin.

from \$9.2 to \$15.6 million. Imports from Europe rose from \$367.3 to \$398.5 million reflecting increases in imports from individual countries of this continent as follows: United Kingdom, from \$74.5 to \$85.4 million; Italy, from \$31.3 to \$39.0 million; Norway, from \$4.8 to \$10.7 million; West Germany, from \$76.3 to \$81.3 million; Switzerland, from \$13.8 to \$17.7 million; and Denmark, from \$8.6 to \$12.2 million. Imports from South America rose from \$191.2 to \$220.1 million as increases in imports from Venezuela, from \$77.5 to \$93.1 million; Chile, from \$12.9 to \$22.2 million; and Peru, from \$14.2 to \$23.3 million were partly offset by a drop in imports from Brazil, from \$47.5 to \$40.0 million. Imports from Asia rose from \$201.4 to \$227.6 million as increases in imports from Japan from \$77.8 to \$103.9 million; Federation of Malaya, from \$10.1 to \$17.0 million; and Republic of the Philippines, from \$15.5 to \$21.6 million were partly offset by small decreases in imports from most of the other individual countries of this continent. Imports from Australia and Oceania advanced from \$26.4 to \$51.5 million reflecting notable increases in imports from Australia, from \$16.4 to \$33.5 million and New Zealand and Western Samoa, from \$9.4 to \$17.6 million.

Imports from Africa during March were valued at \$56.9 million, a level approximately the same as the February total of \$57.1 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty-free, which is entered through United States Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from in-transit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

COUNTRY DEFINITION: Though the country which should be reported in the statistics as the country of origin is defined as the country where the merchandise was grown, mined or manufactured, the country actually shown in the statistics may in a number of cases represent some other country, such as the country of purchase, landing or the country in which mixed lots of various origin are consolidated. It follows, therefore, that imports from such merchenting or transshipment countries are likely to be overstated and imports from other countries correspondingly understated.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting

country. They exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

RELIABILITY: The statistics presented in this report are based partly on sample data (i.e. formal entries valued under \$100 and all informal entries valued under \$250), and therefore are subject to sampling variation that may cause them to differ somewhat from the results which would have been obtained from processing all import entries. The probable variability due to sampling is either less than \$50,000 (the largest variation from rounding of figures) or less than 1 percent of the individual totals shown.

In addition to the effects of sampling variation, and the difficulties described above under COUNTRY DEFINITION, monthly import statistics are subject to some error from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month in the compiling process and errors in reporting or processing. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account, particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Reports No. FT 110 and FT 120. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: MARCH 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Value in millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. General imports are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. Figures for 1962 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1961 include revisions published with the December 1961 reports, or earlier, and the special corrections announced in the January 1962 issue of this report, but do not include other revisions published during 1962. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts.)

Continent and country ¹	March 1962	February 1962	March 1961	Monthly average 1961
Total trade.....	1,385.9	² 1,214.5	1,255.2	1,227.1
Western Europe.....	390.9	362.3	338.1	338.9
Canada.....	292.4	241.7	264.6	272.6
Latin American Republics.....	315.4	279.6	294.3	267.9
All other countries.....	387.2	331.0	358.2	347.7
O.E.C.D. countries in Europe.....	381.6	350.6	330.6	331.7
Sterling area countries.....	255.6	209.0	219.7	215.0
North America.....	430.2	371.1	404.1	386.6
Greenland	(*)	0.1	(*)	0.1
Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador).....	292.4	241.7	264.6	272.6
Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mexico ^a	57.8	56.4	53.4	44.9
Guatemala ^a	6.7	6.9	6.0	5.3
British Honduras ^b	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2
El Salvador ^a	2.1	3.0	3.0	3.0
Honduras ^a	4.2	2.6	3.7	2.7
Nicaragua ^a	4.1	3.3	6.0	2.1
Costa Rica ^a	3.5	4.9	4.3	3.3
Republic of Panama ^a	1.3	2.0	1.8	1.9
Canal Zone.....	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3
Bermuda ^b	0.2	(*)	0.1	0.1
Bahamas ^b	1.1	1.2	1.3	0.9
Cuba ^a	0.6	2.1	3.0	2.9
Jamaica ^b	7.0	4.8	6.0	6.1
Haiti ^a	2.4	1.8	1.3	1.6
Dominican Republic ^a	15.6	9.2	13.3	7.5
Leeward and Windward Islands ^b	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Barbados ^b	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Trinidad and Tobago ^b	6.9	6.3	7.0	7.3
Netherlands Antilles.....	23.8	24.2	28.6	22.9
French West Indies.....	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.7
South America.....	220.1	191.2	200.8	196.7
Colombia ^a	18.5	19.6	25.8	23.0
Venezuela ^a	93.1	77.5	78.2	74.9
British Guiana ^b	0.8	1.5	1.0	1.6
Surinam	2.3	2.5	1.3	2.5
French Guiana .....	...	...	...	(*)
Ecuador ^a	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.5
Peru ^a	23.3	14.2	18.3	16.2
Bolivia ^a	1.2	0.8	0.5	0.8
Chile ^a	22.2	12.9	11.9	15.4
Brazil ^a	40.0	47.5	47.8	46.8
Paraguay ^a	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.7
Uruguay ^a	4.4	2.6	2.9	1.9
Argentina ^a	9.6	7.3	8.4	8.5
Falkland Islands ^b .....	...	...	...	...
Europe.....	398.5	367.3	344.8	345.8
Iceland ^{b, c, d}	0.8	1.3	1.6	1.0
Sweden ^{c, d}	13.9	16.5	10.5	11.7
Norway ^{c, d}	10.7	4.8	6.5	6.3
Denmark ^{c, d}	12.2	8.6	10.5	9.1

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: MARCH 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Continent and country ¹	March 1962	February 1962	March 1961	Monthly average 1961
Europe—Continued				
United Kingdom ^{b,c,d}	85.4	74.5	75.2	75.1
Ireland (Eire) ^{b,c,d}	2.2	3.4	1.8	2.6
Netherlands ^{c,d}	18.8	16.5	18.6	17.3
Belgium and Luxembourg ^{c,d}	35.5	32.8	28.3	29.3
France ^{c,d}	35.6	39.8	33.4	36.3
West Germany ^{c,d}	81.3	76.3	75.6	71.3
East Germany.....	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.2
Austria ^{c,d}	4.4	3.8	3.7	3.8
Czechoslovakia.....	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.8
Hungary.....	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Switzerland ^{c,d}	17.7	13.8	14.8	15.9
Finland ^c	5.9	6.6	4.1	3.8
Estonia.....	...	...	...	(*)
Latvia.....	...	...	...	(*)
Lithuania.....	...	...	...	(*)
Poland and Danzig.....	4.4	2.7	3.4	3.4
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.....	1.6	0.6	1.5	1.9
Azores.....	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Spain ^{c,d}	7.6	7.4	7.5	7.0
Portugal ^{c,d}	4.8	5.4	3.7	3.5
Gibraltar ^b.....	...	(*)	...	(*)
Malta and Gozo ^{3,b}	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.1
Italy ^{c,d}	39.0	31.3	28.4	31.3
Free Territory of Trieste ^{c,d}	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Yugoslavia ^c	3.3	5.1	3.4	3.4
Albania.....	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
Greece ^{c,d}	3.1	2.4	6.4	3.9
Rumania.....	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.1
Bulgaria.....	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1
Turkey ^{c,d}	8.7	12.1	4.3	6.2
Cyprus ^{3,b}	0.1	(*)	...	...
Asia.....	227.6	201.4	215.6	215.2
Syrian Arab Republic ⁴	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.4
Lebanon.....	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.4
Iraq (Mesopotamia).....	0.3	0.7	2.8	2.5
Iran (Persia).....	3.9	6.4	4.5	5.1
Israel.....	3.8	3.2	2.4	2.7
Palestine.....	...	...	...	(*)
Jordan ^b.....	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
Kuwait ^b	6.8	6.3	15.1	9.1
Saudi Arabia.....	5.5	7.6	5.0	4.6
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c.....	1.0	1.7	0.7	2.1
Aden ^b	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
State of Bahrain ^b	0.3	(*)	(*)	0.1
Afghanistan.....	0.9	5.7	1.1	1.0
India ^b	20.3	20.4	22.3	21.0
Pakistan ^b	4.5	5.7	4.7	3.1
Nepal.....	...	...	...	(*)
Ceylon ^b	3.4	1.9	3.1	2.6
Burma ^b	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Thailand (Siam).....	3.3	3.6	2.6	3.1
Viet-Nam.....	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4
Laos.....	...	(*)	...	(*)
Cambodia.....	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.2
Federation of Malaya ^b	17.0	10.1	8.3	12.4
State of Singapore; British Borneo ^b	1.1	1.8	0.9	1.2
Republic of Indonesia.....	9.5	12.4	14.1	13.6
Republic of the Philippines.....	21.6	15.5	31.1	26.4
Macao (Macau).....	0.1	(*)	0.1	0.1
Portuguese Asia, n.e.c.....	0.1	...	(*)	0.1
Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c.....	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
China (including Manchuria).....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Outer Mongolia.....	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: MARCH 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Continent and country ¹	March 1962	February 1962	March 1961	Monthly average 1961
Asia—Continued				
North Korea.....	(*)	...	...	(*)
Republic of Korea.....	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6
Hong Kong ^b	13.8	13.0	8.4	10.2
Taiwan (Formosa).....	3.3	4.7	3.5	3.6
Japan.....	103.9	77.8	82.5	87.9
Nansei and Nanpo Islands, n.e.c.....	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.4
Australia and Oceania.....	51.5	26.4	28.2	26.7
Australia ^b	33.5	16.4	14.2	15.3
New Guinea ^b	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.1
New Zealand and Western Samoa ^{5, b}	17.6	9.4	13.3	10.8
British Western Pacific Islands ^b	0.2	(*)	(*)	0.3
French Pacific Islands.....	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.1
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.....	(*)	0.6	0.6	0.2
Africa.....	56.9	57.1	61.8	55.8
Morocco.....	1.7	0.3	1.7	0.9
Algeria ^d	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Tunisia.....	(*)	0.1	(*)	0.1
Libya ^b	0.1	(*)	0.1	(*)
United Arab Republic (Egypt).....	2.0	3.0	1.8	2.9
Sudan.....	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4
Canary Islands.....	0.1	0.3	(*)	(*)
Spanish Africa, n.e.c.....	...	...	...	(*)
Federal Republic of Cameroon ⁶	1.5	0.9	1.6	0.5
Western Equatorial Africa, n.e.c.....	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.1
Western Africa, n.e.c.....	6.1	7.1	4.3	3.0
Ghana ^b	6.5	2.8	7.1	6.2
Federation of Nigeria ^{7, b}	3.5	3.9	2.9	4.1
British West Africa, and Sierra Leone ^{8, b}	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.4
Madeira Islands.....	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Angola.....	2.7	3.5	3.2	2.3
Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c.....	(*)	0.2	...	0.2
Liberia.....	1.5	3.0	2.4	2.7
Republic of the Congo.....	3.7	2.1	3.0	4.7
Somali Republic.....	0.1	0.1	(*)	(*)
Ethiopia (Abyssinia).....	3.5	2.9	6.0	2.6
French Somaliland.....	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)
Seychelles and Dependencies ^b	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mauritius and Dependencies ^b.....	...	0.2	...	0.1
British East Africa and Tanganyika ^{9, b}	3.4	3.9	6.3	4.4
Mozambique.....	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Malagasy Republic.....	0.3	1.9	1.8	1.1
Republic of South Africa ^{10, b}	17.1	18.3	17.3	17.4
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland ^b	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.9
Unidentified Continents ¹¹	1.0	(*)	...	0.3
Unidentified Countries ¹¹	1.0	(*)	...	0.3

^a Latin American Republics. ^b Sterling area countries. ^c Western Europe. ^d O.E.C.D. (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) countries in Europe. *Indicates less than \$50,000. ¹For definitions of countries as used in this report, refer to current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics. ²The February statistics exclude about \$9.7 million of \$1-\$99 formal and \$1-\$250 informal entry shipments. Data on these shipments are also excluded from the individual area, continent, and country totals shown in this report and from the data in other reports such as FT 930-I, FT 110, FT 120, IM 145 etc. ³"Malta and Gozo" and "Cyprus" shown separately beginning January 1962. For periods prior to January 1962, data on imports from Cyprus are included in the figures shown for "Malta and Gozo." ⁴Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly United Arab Republic (Syria Region). ⁵Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly New Zealand. ⁶Country designation established effective January 1962; consists of former Cameroun combined with Southern Camerouns. Data shown for prior periods represent exports to Cameroun only. ⁷Country designation established effective January 1962; consists of former Nigeria combined with former Northern Camerouns. The data shown for prior periods represent exports to Nigeria including the former Camerouns (Northern and Southern). ⁸Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly British West Africa, n.e.c. ⁹Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly British East Africa. ¹⁰Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly Union of South Africa. ¹¹Countries which could not be identified because of illegible reporting on import entries for low-value shipments.